

REMARKS

Applicants cancel claim 15 and amend claims 1, 9, 14, 16, and 17 such that claims 1-14 and 16-22 are pending in this application.


The Examiner rejects claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctively claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that the acronym "FEDWA" should be spelled out in at least each independent claim. In response, Applicants amend independent claims 1, 9, and 14 as directed by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to remove the §112 rejection of claims 1-22.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has identified allowable subject matter in claims 1-13, and 15-22. The reasons for allowability set forth by the Examiner refer only to some of the features in the independent claims, and are not the only reasons that all of the claims are allowable. Each of the independent and dependent claims include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

In light of the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter, Applicants rewrite objected-to claim 15 as amended independent claim 14 thereby making amended independent claim 14 allowable. Claims 16-22 depend from allowable independent claim 14 and are therefore allowable for these and other reasons.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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